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Men of Intelligence

By Major-General Sir Kenneth Strong, K.B.E., C.B.
183 pp. St. Martin's. $6.95.

An intelligence pro looks at his fellow pros. General Strong has served in a variety of posts; he was wartime Chief of Intelligence under Eisenhower's Supreme Command and Director-General of Intelligence at the Ministry of Defence, so he knows his spies. He discusses such figures as Lieutenant-Colonel Hentsch, Germany's chief intelligence officer in World War I; Gen. John Chateris, Douglas Haig's chief who was sacked; Colonel Gauché of the French Deuxième Bureau, who watched the German buildup between the wars; Allen Dulles and John A. McCone of the C.I.A. Strong downgrades the importance of spies; most useful intelligence information, he maintains, comes from the collation and evaluation of large masses of data from mainly public sources. He defends the function of intelligence in national planning and refuses to impute evil motives to governments that use intelligence service.

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